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I went to see Lee Van Starkenborgh this morning. He wished to know whether the speculation in the newspapers about the U.S.-U.K. working group in London on the subject of restoring sovereignty to Germany, if the French Parliament did not ratify the EDC Treaty before its summer recess, was substantially correct. I told him it was. I said I expected his Government would be more fully informed in the next few days as to the procedure to be followed. In general, it is to secure the consent of the British Parliament and the U.S. Senate, before they adjourn for the summer, to separating the Paris and Bonn Treaties in the event of the failure by the French Parliament to act favorably on EDC.

I had lunch with David Schoenbrun at Calvet's. He had returned from Deauville, where he has been working on his book, to observe the political situation here. He is intimate with Mendès-France and several of his advisers. Schoenbrun believes Mendès-France may prove to be a great political leader and change the immobilism of the country.

Dr. Fitzgerald, Harold Stassen's deputy, came to see me this afternoon. Fitz says FOA would like to have a small mission in Luxembourg to follow the hundred million dollar U.S. loan to the Coal and Steel Authority and to handle technical assistance to the Community. I told him I had grave doubts as to the wisdom of enlarging our present small representation, but would discuss this matter with Webster Todd and with Monnet as soon as the latter returns from his vacation.

We went to Versailles tonight, where Avis and Chip joined us for dinner. We had a [redacted] genial evening and stayed up late.

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